

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Present

Pam Henry Al Giansanti
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Al Giansanti
Vanessa Bunnell (late arrival)
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Timothy Allen
Vacancy

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the October 21, 2013 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Don Bourdeau Report

D. Bourdeau reported sod had been replaced on the baseball fields.
He is going to put a sod cutter into the budget for next year.

The water is drained from the concession stand at RHR. D. Bourdeau mentioned there are vendors that run concession stands at parks. He thought the baseball league would like the information.

B. Appleby and D. Bourdeau met with engineers at Volunteer Park. They will submit pricing for a well and septic at the park.

The turf at the Babe Ruth field was discussed; the pitching mound on the major league field needs work.

D. Kennedy thanked D. Bourdeau for putting down the stone around the press box.

S. Spang informed D. Bourdeau the holiday lights have been ordered for the tree at the green.

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Baseball Field Update

See Don Bourdeau report.

b. Village District Zone

The Village District Zone was met with disapproval at a public hearing; the P&Z Commission will continue to work on the zone.

c. Tree Lighting

The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday December 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. D. Kennedy will order the hot chocolate & munchkins; A.Giansanti will pick up from Dunkin Donuts in Salem. The 8th grade will have volunteers (elves) for the occasion.

d. Round Hill Road Lighting

S. Spang reported CL&P needs to be involved with the project from the beginning for the electrical work. There is possible grant money available from CL&P. Test holes need to be dug for the site to see where the lighting posts can be installed. B. Appleby reported the soccer group was not in favor of lights on the field due to the expense. S.Spang reminded everyone this would only be done if grant money would cover the majority of the expense.

e. Summer Programs

S. Spang requested the leagues forward her their summer schedule for any programs. Carl Narocki offered to submit an article to the newspapers for information. Soccer camp will be the second week in August.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported there will be a NYC “Day on Your Own” bus trip on December 7, 2013. There will be a film making class before school program and art class after school program starting in January. Research will begin for summer programs.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Volunteer Park – B. Appleby stated he thought the location of the pavilion would be in the same location as shown on the plans.

b. Baseball- D. Kennedy reported on line registration is being researched. “No Soft Toss” signs are being made. Registration for the spring season will take place the end of January and the beginning of February. There will be an Eagle Scout project for the dugout and press box for the softball field. Additional storage will be added for the AAU bases & rakes. It was suggested by D. Bourdeau to inquire with Carefree Sheds for a donation of storage sheds. A donation from the Lions Club might be available to put towards a new scoreboard. The electric work needs to be researched for this project.

c. Soccer – B. Appleby reported a soccer tournament was held at Volunteer Park. Nine towns participated; \$425.00 was raised by concessions for a donation to Care & Share by the Girl Scouts and Mom’s Club. There will be a “Turkey Cup” on Thanksgiving Day. No parking signs need to be put on the fence so parking will not occur on the street. Friday nights are adult pick up soccer. Sign in occurs the same as adult basketball.

- d. **Basketball-** V. Bunnell reported registrations are in, eighty children signed up for recreation basketball. Games have started. There will be a clinic on Saturday with the “Fundamental Man”. The fee is \$15.00 per person if not registered.

The women are interested in a league/play time; they would like to use the multipurpose room.

Discussion took place on use of the gym over the holidays, first aid kits, and supplies in the locker.

- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported the DEEP Flood Management Permit has been approved for the crossings on the multipurpose path. It was submitted in March to DEEP. Now application can be made to Army Core.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. **MOU for leagues** – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary